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Kentucky Labor Cabinet Partners with Skanska USA and Congleton-Hacker Company for Commonwealth Stadium Renovation *Completion date expected by start of 2015 football season*

LEXINGTON, Ky. (May 5, 2014) – Secretary Larry L. Roberts of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet joined employees and company officials today at Commonwealth Stadium to announce the Labor Cabinet has entered a Construction Partnership Program with Skanska USA and Congleton-Hacker Company for the renovation of Commonwealth Stadium in Lexington. The \$110 million project is scheduled to be completed in fall 2015, in time for the start of the University of Kentucky's home football season.

"The Construction Partnership Program means that our safety teams will be involved in helping these construction companies follow the safest practices for this project," said Secretary Roberts. "Most workplace deaths in Kentucky occur in the construction industry, and it is crucial to take every precaution to stay safe."

Incorporated in 1971, Skanska USA has more than 9,600 employees in 39 offices across the country. The company recently built MetLife Stadium, home of Super Bowl XLVIII.

"We appreciate the opportunity to partner on a project that will have such a positive impact on the University of Kentucky campus," said Skanska Project Executive Bob Tribble. "We value this relationship and are proud to be part of the process."

Headquartered in Lexington, Congleton-Hacker has provided continuous contracting and construction management services for 50 years since its founding in 1961. Some of

Congleton-Hacker's recent projects include Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, the Lexington Center Corp.'s renovation and expansion, and the renovation of the Rupp Arena dressing rooms and locker rooms.

"Congleton-Hacker Co. is excited to participate in this landmark construction project for Commonwealth Stadium," said Larry Cowgill, Congleton-Hacker president and CEO.

The renovation is underway at Commonwealth Stadium, and includes the addition of luxury suites, loge boxes and club seats at the field and mezzanine levels. The football team will enter the field through a tunnel in the middle of the student section, running out from a new locker room underneath the east end zone.

As part of the Construction Partnership Program, workplace safety experts with the Kentucky Labor Cabinet's Office of Occupational Safety and Health will make frequent visits to the site. Visits begin with an on-site conference of employees and subcontractors, followed by a walk-through inspection to identify hazards.

All findings are discussed in a closing conference, followed within days by a detailed presentation of any hazards. In addition, abatement dates are set for deficiencies that have not already been corrected, and written reports will be prepared for Skanska USA and Congleton-Hacker.

Currently, the Kentucky Labor Cabinet is involved with 13 other ongoing Construction Partnership Programs across the Commonwealth. This number fluctuates frequently as projects are added or completed.

Companies wishing to participate in the program can find out more by visiting www.labor.ky.gov or by clicking [here](#).

For more on Skanska USA, visit www.usa.skanska.com. For more on Congleton-Hacker, visit www.congleton-hacker.com.

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